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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: CRISIS AT KAWKABA - SITUATION AS KNOWN TO
UN IN JERUSALEM 1500 LOCAL AUGUST 2

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1. AS AUTHORIZED REFTTEL, I FILLED IN UNHQ JERUSALEM ON
APPROACHES WE WOULD BE MAKING IN BEIRUT AND JERUSALEM. PRIETO'S
THINKING HAD BEEN EVOLVING ALONG SIMILAR LINES AND I WAS
TOLD AT MIDNIGHT AUGUST 1 HE SENT CABLE TO ERSKINE AT NAQUORA
URGING UNIFIL PROCEED ESSENTIALLY ALONG LINES WE ENVISAGED. ERSKINE
AKCNLWLEDGED MESSAGE AND THANKED PRIETO.

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2. EARLY MORNING AUGUST 2, EIGHT ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM
CHRISTIAN AREAS IN DIRECTION OF KAWKABA.

3. HADDAD SENT WORD NEPBATT WAS TO EVACUATE KAWKABA
PRIOR TO HIS OPENING FIRE ON LAF. ALTERNATIVELY, LAF
COULD WITHDRAW.

4. UN REPLIED UNIFIL UNITS WOULD NOT MOVE NOR WOULD LAF
WITHDRAW AND WARNED HADDAD TO HOLD HIS FIRE.

5. TWO MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE AREA; ONE LAST NIGHT AND ONE
MORNING AUGUST 2 BETWEEN HADDAD, UN, AND SOME MEMBERS OF
LAF. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHAT WAS DISCUSSED OR WHAT DECISIONS
WERE TAKEN, IF ANY.

6. ERSKINE HAS REQUESTED URGENT MEETING WITH WEIZMAN,
WHICH UN HQ JERUSALEM TRYING TO ARRANGE LATE THIS AFTER-
NOON OR TOMORROW.

7. AIME IS REPORTEDLY IN BEIRUT PRESUMABLY TO URGE GOL TO ACCEPT
WEIZMAN'S CONDITIONS WHILE LEAVING ASIDE HADDAD PROBLEM
FOR TIME BEING.

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